

## WASHINGTON.

## UNITED STATES BONDS--ANOTHER CALL TO BE MADE.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad System--What Washington Officers Say--Personal and Postal.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, August 30.--I learn from excellent authority that it is probable that late today another call of bonds will be made--a much more extensive one than any of the previous calls. It is said that all the 3 per cent bonds will be called in, about which the only fear is that there will not be enough. The limit fixed is not known precisely, but said to be about one hundred millions. The whole policy of the Administration is changed in regard to these bonds.

Under the head "Wanted Back in Richmond" a local article appeared in yesterday morning's *National Republican*. It is as follows: "It was recently reported in Richmond on Saturday last that General T. F. Logan's Richmond and Danville Railroad syndicate now own over 20,000 shares of the stock of that road, which is 4,000 less than a controlling interest. Mr. Rockefeller, the millionaire of Standard Oil fame, is said to be largely interested on Logan's side. The General and his friends at one time owned more than a controlling interest in the road, but several years ago they sold the stock. The next annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at Richmond in December, when it is reported, a proposition will be made to increase the number of shares of stock from 50,000 to 100,000. The impression now is that, whether the Logan interest obtains a controlling interest in the road or not, an effort will be made to have the office recently removed to this city carried back to Richmond again."

This article was shown to Manager Thompson, who, in the absence of Vice-President Hildebrand in New York, was in charge of the Richmond and Danville headquarters in this city. "What do you want us to say about it?" he asked, after he had read it aloud to other railroad officers in the room. "Whether it is true in whole or part, or if true in part, what part?" was the reply.

"Well," said my friend Manager Thompson, "turning to the other gentleman, will he probably bear me out in saying that railroads are operated by one set of men and owned by another. We are employed to run the Richmond and Danville, and we try to do it to the best of our ability. Of what goes on in New York or elsewhere affecting the road--what takes place respecting its stock--we know only when everybody else does. We receive charges, and our services are retained, and we proceed in accordance to our general instructions. If others are employed to run the road, we give place to them. So you see there are two distinct lines of management, the one subordinate to the other. The owner, the other operates. The road has not recently bought this fine property and removed its offices here because we find that a great system of roads is being operated from a central point, and there are advantages which we enjoy here. The road has not moved many of its employees from Richmond, where it has made large investments, and has important interests."

Major Randolph concurred in what was said, and added some observations of his own. Finally he said that December would tell whether there was any truth in the report. It was not probable that any accurate information would be obtained sooner.

The various offices of the road are being placed in condition for business. Most of the important ones, such as the vice-president's, the general manager's, and the telegraph office, are already occupied. There is still the clutter of workmen and the smell of paint about the handsome building.

At the State Department nothing is known of the alleged Bacchanalian exploits of Agent Sedgwick. Messrs. Bayard and Porter are absent on duty, and the report of the district attorney is said that Sedgwick was pretty lively while here last winter, and engaged in adventures almost as ludicrous and discreditable as the one reported. He is a young man of thirty-eight years of age or less. The affair is freely commented upon.

THE EIGHTH VIRGINIA DISTRICT. Something is said to-day of having the new Convention in the Eighth Virginia district met at Culpeper. The call has not yet been issued, although it is almost immediately expected.

MISCELLANEOUS. Ararat post-office, Patrick county, has been changed one and a half miles northwest.

New fourth-classifices: Gum Spring, Louisiana county, Samuel H. Smith, 3 miles; Stafford county, Edwin S. Davis, postmaster; H. Deane Anson county, N. C. Thomas P. Richardson, postmaster.

Hon. J. J. Yeates will visit Asheville this week. Mr. Yeates is now in North Carolina.

John B. Huesey, Esq., chief of the Army Pensions Division of the Treasury Department, will spend four or five days at Staunton and the White Sulphur, beginning on Wednesday.

C. W. Chears and E. M. of the Richmond, were in the city yesterday. General Thomas L. Rosser, of Virginia, was here to-day.

Mr. John McGowan, of Richmond, was in town Sunday.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The question of compensation for property lost during the war.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, August 30.--The Second Comptroller, in a lengthy opinion, has just decided a question of some importance relating to the claims for the use and occupation of real property in the border States during the period of the war of the rebellion. He has held that accounting officers have no jurisdiction to audit and allow such claims unless it is shown that there was an agreement on the part of some duly authorized officer or agent of the Government to pay for the use of the property upon the faith of which possession was surrendered by the owner. It is also held that in the absence of an express agreement the contract cannot be implied where the military authorities, on account of the necessity of the service, are compelled to take possession of and use real property in territory which is the theatre of war, and where occupation is essential to the prosecution of the war. The property is not taken in such cases by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, but through the lawful exertion of war powers which inhere in every civil Government and which rests upon the right of self-preservation. The decision will exclude from consideration of accounting officers a very large class of claims now pending, estimated to involve half a million dollars, besides a large number of claims in which claims have not been filed. There are some prior decisions to the contrary, which

are overruled. The Comptroller holds that for this class of cases Congress alone can provide remedy, and that the course of congressional legislation upon the subject since the close of the war plainly indicates an intention on the part of that body not to delegate the power to pass upon this class of claims to any other branch of the government.

A particular case under consideration was that of the Christian church, at Paducah, Ky., for the use of their church building as a hospital for the care of sick and wounded soldiers during the period of nine months immediately after the battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson in February, 1862. For special reasons, applicable to this case alone, the report of the Auditor recommending an allowance of \$600 was confirmed. In order that it may be reported to Congress at the next session, the Auditor has recommended action; but the general rule governing claims for rents in the States of Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland during the war period is declared to be as above stated.

Ten Millions Called for Redemption. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 30.--Acting-Secretary of Treasury Fairchild today issued a circular giving notice that on the 15th day of September, 1886, or at any time prior thereto, the Department will redeem at the Treasury of the United States, in the office of the Assistant Treasurer, at New York, paying par and accrued interest to date of redemption, any uncalled United States 2 per cent bonds to an amount not exceeding ten millions. The directions about forwarding bonds, instructions as to checks in payment, etc., are the same as those in the usual bond-calls.

Internal Revenue Receipts. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, August 30.--The aggregate receipts for internal revenue during the month of July last were \$2,733,488, an increase of \$903,299 over the corresponding month of the preceding year.

The revenue collected on spirits was \$5,058,435, an increase of \$298,344; tobacco, \$2,390,942, an increase of \$123,944; on fermented liquors, \$2,268,957, an increase of 162,719, and from miscellaneous sources, \$17,123, an increase of \$8,282.

A Female Master Workman.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
CHICAGO, Ill., August 30.--Mrs. Elizabeth Rodgers has been appointed master workman of District Assembly No. 24, Knights of Labor, vice J. B. Murphy, deceased. She is the first woman to receive such a distinction. Mrs. Rodgers is the wife of George Rodgers, who has figured in the history of Chicago for a number of years. She is thirty-nine years of age, and, though the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are living, has managed to make a reputation as a labor reformer. Three years ago she was supreme judge of District Assembly No. 24, and by her rulings, is declared now to be the most fair and impartial judge who has ever held the position. In one case which she was called upon to decide, she was not content with the ruling of the assembly, and she is often cited. Mrs. Rodgers has been a delegate to the Trades' Assembly for the past three years. She has reinstated assemblies which were expelled for their Anarchistic tendencies, and has declared that she has no sympathy with such doctrines, and will fight them in the Knights of Labor.

A Drunken and Tumultuous Mother.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 30.--Margaret Meagher, a widow over forty years old, was arrested at 413 West Forty-first street this morning early drunk and on the verge of delirium tremens. She had bought a grocery-store at that place a few days ago, and since then had been on a continuous carouse. In one of the rooms in the rear of the store the officers found the remains of her daughter Ellen, eighteen months old, who had evidently died from neglect. She was very emaciated, and it is thought that starvation may have had something to do with her death. The woman had no money, and she was arrested on the charge of the robbery. Two years ago her husband, Martin Meagher, an employee on the Hudson-River railway, hanged himself because of the life she led him, and her two older children were taken from her. The woman herself has been in the work-house twice since her husband died. Just when the child died it is not known, but it is thought that the drunken mother carried it around some time after its death.

Gravesend Races.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
GRAVESEND, N. Y., August 30.--First race of Brooklyn Jockey Club--all ages, seven furlongs--Barnum won; Santa Rita second, Pontiac third, Time, 1:30.

Second race--one and one eighth miles--Gleaner won; Florence M. second, Tornado third, Time, 1:59.

Third race--one and one quarter miles--Precious won; Dewdrop, second, Jim Gray third, Time, 2:12.

Fourth race--for two-year-olds, three quarters of a mile--Bessie June won; Fenelon second, Alay third, Time, 1:16.

Fifth race--one and one quarter miles--Mills won; Elite second, Fairchild third, Time, 2:12.

Sixth race--all ages, one and one eighth miles--Marsh Roan won; Celer second, Princess third, Time, 1:30.

Base-Ball Yesterday.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
BALTIMORE: Baltimore, 2; Brooklyn, 3.

Detroit: Detroit, 2; Boston, 5. St. Louis: St. Louis, 10; Cincinnati, 3.

Chicago: Philadelphia, 10; Chicago, 13.

Kansas City: Kansas City, 2; Washington, 5.

St. Louis: St. Louis, 7; New York, 3.

Staten Island: Athletics, 5; Metropolitan, 1.

Detroit: The Detroit Base-Ball managers have signed with Pitcher O'Day, of the Savannah Club.

A Despondent Man Succeeded.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
BALTIMORE, Md., August 30.--Jonathan W. Scott, foreman in the office of the Price-Current, was found hanging this morning from one of the shafts of the machinery in the office. He left home yesterday, having provided himself with a cotton cloth-line, with which he accomplished his end. He was a quiet man, but, the office having recently changed hands, he became depressed, but no one suspected any such intention on his part.

The New York Electrical Subway.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 30.--After two years of discussion, legal contests, etc., work was begun upon the electrical subway this forenoon. The composition through which the wires are to run is made of concrete two and a half inches in diameter. There are to be two lines of these side by side, and the surface will be about two feet wide. A large crowd gathered to witness the breaking of earth.

AN OVATION.

INCIDENTS OF THE RETURN OF ALEXANDER TO BULGARIA.

An Enthusiastic Reception by the People--A Warning--Address to the Army.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
SOFIA, August 30.--Prince Alexander has telegraphed to the Regency to announce to the people his intention of returning to Sofia. The rebellious troops here have submitted, and will not be punished on condition that they quit the country. The revolution was bloodless, and no force was used in its suppression. It is stated that Russia paid the conspirators, Banderoff and Demetrioff, the sum of 400,000 roubles. When the former and Greff were arrested they had in their possession two coffers belonging to a Russian count, Prince Alexander did not sign a deed of abdication. He simply wrote on a slip of paper, "I save Bulgaria," and signed it. His kidnappers were taken and he did not know what he had written. It is the general opinion that the pleasure expressed by the Kings of Roumania and Servia at Alexander's triumph points in the direction of increased unity.

LONDON, August 30.--The *Morning Post* says that henceforth Prince Alexander will pursue an unequivocal anti-Russian policy, and will adopt a banishing mission to the Balkans. The money will not be accepted in the Government offices in Bulgaria, and even the soldiers' uniform, which is now similar to the Russian uniform, will be changed.

LONDON, August 30.--The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Darmstadt had an interview yesterday with the father of Prince Alexander. The father said Alexander, having accepted the Bulgarian mission, was bound to carry it out to the end. His honor as a soldier and his German name sufficed to guarantee this. Moreover, it was imperative that he should reach Sofia before the arrival of Prince Dolgorouki, who left St. Petersburg Sunday morning. He believed that Lord Salisbury would prove Alexander's friend.

LONDON, August 30.--Kiln of Servia has telegraphed to Prince Alexander congratulating him upon his return to Bulgaria, and expressing the fullest sympathy with his Regency.

The Karaveloff-Stambouloff Regency has assigned his powers to Prince Alexander.

A Pessimistic View.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
LONDON, August 30.--The Russian newspapers take a pessimistic view of Prince Alexander's return to Bulgaria, and say that it will not affect the fulfillment of the measures decided upon for the settlement of the affairs of that country, although it may perhaps alter the manner of their execution.

ALEXANDER WARNER.

REUTERS, August 30.--Prince Alexander has been warned to take precautions against possible attempts on his life by Pan-Slavist fanatics and followers of Metropolitan Clement, whose party has ramifications in the interior of Bulgaria.

THE PRINCE AT TIMIOVA.

Alexander arrived at Timiova at 8 o'clock this morning. His entry into the town and his progress through it was a continuous triumph. The people lifted the Prince from his carriage and carried him on their shoulders to the Greek church, where a *Te Deum* was sung. The Prince afterwards started for Timiova, and arrived there this evening.

A MANIFESTO FROM THE PRINCE.

A manifesto has been issued by Prince Alexander. It approves the measures adopted by the Stambouloff Regency; confirms the existing Ministry and the appointment of Malakouss as commander-in-chief of the army; calls upon the people and army for their fidelity and the resolute attitude in favor of independence; implores God's blessing, and urges all to unite in promoting the welfare of Bulgaria.

DISORDERS IN SOFIA.

REUTERS, August 30.--The populace of Timiova gave Prince Alexander an enthusiastic welcome. Advice from Sofia says the city is excited, and that some disorders have occurred. Zambouff, the revolutionary leader, was attacked by a mob and nearly killed. It is expected that the military plot will be executed, and that amnesty will be granted to other conspirators.

Butler's Pardon Policy.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
DUBLIN, August 30.--General Butler left Dublin this morning for Tralee. In an interview he said that he had not accepted a draughting mission, nor shall I assist in one. My task will be simply to repress moonlighters and insure the safety of life and property, and I propose to effect this by means of flying patrols, who shall be able to communicate speedily with a regularly-organized system of supports. I do not know whether my plan will prove a success, but I mean to do my duty."

GENERAL BUTLER AT KILKENNY.

DUBLIN, August 30.--General Butler is at Kilkenny, and has made his headquarters at Railway Hotel. It is proposed to boycott the house because the proprietor received General Buller as a guest. The police of Belfast are to resume their ordinary duty in distributing mail on Wednesday. The Mayor exhorts all peaceable citizens to assist the police in the performance of their duties.

The Bulgarian Cabinet Remodelled.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
LONDON, August 30.--The Bulgarian Cabinet has been remodelled, and is now strongly anti-Russian. Nachev, Foreign Minister, was the leading spirit in the movement to counteract the Zankoff plot, by which Prince Alexander was forced to abdicate.

Removing Radical Ministers.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
PARIS, August 30.--It is stated that it is the purpose of M. De Freycinet to remove from his Cabinet three Radical members, including General Boulanger, Minister of War, and M. Gremet, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

Refugees Sentenced.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
BELFAST, August 30.--A number of men, who were engaged in the recent riots in this city, have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two to nineteen months.

Fatal Railway Collision.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
COLLIER, August 30.--In a railway collision at Melling, eight miles from here, seven persons were killed and twenty-two wounded.

Brooklyn Supervisors Charged with Conspiracy.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 30.--Supervisors Larkin, Carroll, and Gallagher, were served to-day with warrants directing them to appear before Police-Justice Walsh to answer the charge of conspiracy to defraud the people of Kings county. Granville F. Williams, late plumber of the Brooklyn court-house, is the complainant. His affidavit furnished the grounds on which the warrant was issued. The Justice said the affidavit was among the documents in his holding the defendants for the grand jury, and there might be other evidence behind it in the district attorney's possession. The defendants, hearing of the complaint, went to the Police Court. They were permitted to go out upon their own recognizance.

A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

A Chicago special of the 30th says: At 9:15 o'clock this morning, in the midst of a heavy storm, the powder-magazine belonging to the Lullin & Rand Powder Company was struck by lightning. An explosion followed, which destroyed property worth \$75,000. Only one person was killed. Miss Carrie Abernethy was killed instantly. George Kern, a farmer, ribs broken and fearfully burned; John Gahl, teamster for the Oriental Powder Company, ribs fractured, right leg broken in two places, internal wounds; Mrs. Gahl, skull crushed; Mrs. Eliza Devine, right leg crushed to a jelly, breast transfixed by strip of glass. The explosion occurred in the powder-magazine of the Oriental Powder Company, and also those belonging to the Warren Powder Company, the Hazard, the Dupont Company's, and the Forde dynamite storehouse. The Lullin & Rand Company was the only one which exploded. Where it stood is now an immense excavation nearly fifty feet in depth. The country for half a mile in all directions from the explosion is a scene of desolation and destruction.

CHICAGO, August 30.--George Kenn died this forenoon, making the second.

ROYAL RACE-METING.

A trip from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati for twenty-five cents.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 30.--Return tickets to Cincinnati over the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis railway were sold on the streets of this city last night and to-day for twenty-five cents.

This is the lowest fare ever known to Pittsburgh. The regular fare to Cincinnati is \$9.50, and the ticket to the Cincinnati and St. Louis railway is \$1.00. The tickets are good to return until tomorrow, but about one third of this number do not return. There were several hundred return tickets for sale. Ticket-brokers were purchased all they wanted, and the remainder went begging for sale on the street at prices ranging from three dollars down to twenty-five cents, and some could not be sold at all.

Star-Song Lyrics.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
ATLANTIC, Mass., August 30.--The expected look-out at Lee's shoe-shops took place this morning, when the employees, on coming to the shops, found the doors guarded by policemen. Every man and woman, before being allowed to enter the factory, was obliged to sign a certificate to the effect that they do not belong to any labor union, and will not join or engage in any strike while in the employ of the Lees. Of four or five hundred hands only about twenty-five signed the certificates and went to work during the forenoon. The Knights of Labor have requested the select men to close all saloons for such a length of time as may be deemed advisable. Everything remained quiet through the day.

A Mournful Tragedy.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
NEW ORLEANS, August 30.--A special to the *Times-Democrat* from St. Joseph says: This morning, as Judge J. H. Fay and Judge J. H. Fay were in the office of the law office of Colonel V. L. Hayes stepped to the front door and fired the contents of both barrels of a shot-gun into the head and shoulders of Nichols, killed him instantly. Colonel Hayes surrendered himself to the authorities and was lodged in jail without bail. He claims to have acted in self-defense. Nichols was a son-in-law of Colonel Hayes, and some family quarrel was supposed to have been the origin of the crime.

A COLLETRY HORROR.

Four Men Killed and Others Injured by a Terrible Explosion.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
SCANTON, Pa., August 30.--A terrible explosion occurred in Fairlawn colliery this morning, which resulted in the death of four men. Two others were seriously injured. John H. Hossie and J. Gallagher were standing at the head of the slope at the time of the accident, and felt the force of the explosion as a rush of air came out of the mouth of the mine. They at once started to go in and ascertain the extent of the damage. The August gush of coal had been mined in a creek, and no men were employed in the mines. Word came, however, that a party of five or six men had gone into the mines to clean up their chambers. Inspector Blewitt happened to come along about this time, and he and Gallagher with the party entered the mines, going down to a third or lower vein, and followed the air course, stopping to repair the damages to the brattice, etc., they were along. The progress was necessarily slow, and the course they followed took them to the right hand side of the mines. They came at last to a point where they found repairs necessary, and returned to the foot of the mines for more material, when they learned that groans had been heard in the east gangway. They worked over that way the next morning, and found the body of the man who had been killed, near or about the entrance of one of the chambers, a short distance from the foot of an inside panel, about 150 feet from where the heading branches off. Three of them were alive and three of them were dead. The killed were:

High Connors, of Bellevue, about forty-five years of age. He leaves a wife and five small children.  
Edward Gaughan, of Capeauvonne, aged forty-five years. He leaves a wife and eight small children.  
Michael Pyle, of Luzerne street, aged forty-five years. He was married, but leaves no children.

The first man brought to the surface, about 11 o'clock, was John Nolin. He is about twenty-five years old and unmarried. He is badly burned about the face and arms. John Kerrigan was alive when found, and talked the strongest of all, but died on his way to the surface. He was thirty-three years of age and married. The next was John Connor. He is about twenty-one years old and unmarried. He has two large scalp-wounds, a bad cut on the knee and another on the arm.

THE SEDGWICK SCANDAL.

The Denigration Reports Denied and Pronounced Unfounded.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
CITY OF MEXICO, August 30.--The following are the facts regarding the Sedgwick matter: On Friday evening Mr. Sedgwick attended a ball given by an aristocratic club, where he was the object of especial attention and respect. What was drunk in the supper-room, was toasted and repeated, but nothing occurred to warrant reports derogatory to him as a gentleman and official representative of his Government. The members of the club and its managers strenuously deny that any discourtesy was intended or practiced toward Mr. Sedgwick, who made an excellent impression. To set at rest the injurious reports regarding Mr. Sedgwick, the highest society of Mexico to give a series of dinners and receptions in order to make it evident that he has the esteem of Mexicans. Since the rumors became current large numbers of entirely ridiculous and unfounded reports have been in circulation, but no person of reputation or standing in the community connected with the Sedgwick matter. Last evening Mr. Sedgwick was the guest at a private house at dinner, at which were present Minister Blaisdell, of the Department of Foreign Relations, and Minister Romero Rubio, of the Interior Department. Mr. Sedgwick is conferring with Minister Jackson and investigating the laws of Mexico bearing on the Cutting case. He is having translations of the laws made, and when through here he will go to Chihuahua and then to Paso del Norte.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

Out on a Sporting Trip in the Upper Lake Region.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
SARANAC LAKES, N. Y., August 30.--The President's party left Saranac this morning for the Upper-Lake region for a few days' hunting and fishing in that remote territory. With them went Colonel A. H. Belo, of the Galveston News, and Harvey B. Brown, of Philadelphia. The steam-launch Nellie conveyed the party down Saranac Lake to Sweeney's Carry, where a long jagged across the country awaited them. It is not determined whether Mrs. Cleveland and her mother will go to the woods or await the return of the party at one of the hotels on the edge of the wilderness. In all probability they will make the venture, as Mrs. Cleveland has expressed a desire to look it with the others. Few ladies here have the courage to undertake such a jaunt in the woods. The party will not return before the latter part of the week. The guides took along "Major," a Scotch dog, a famous dog of the region. They will be well provided with game. A score or more of the guests at the Saranac Inn gathered at the wharf and waved an adieu to the voyagers. The party have gone beyond the reach of telegraphic communication, and may not be heard from until their return.

Entered Upon His Duties.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 30.--General John Newton entered upon his duties at noon to-day as commissioner of public works, and took possession of the office of the City Hall early in the afternoon. With Mayor Grace and Ex-Commissioner Smith while his bond for \$20,000 was being prepared and signed by the sureties, William L. Cole and H. K. Thurber. Ex-Commissioner Squire did not put in an appearance. When Commissioner Newton entered his office he was received by Deputy-Commissioner William V. Smith, who tendered his resignation. The Commissioner appointed David Lawler Smith to fill the office of deputy City Hall clerk immediately, and took the oath of office. Commissioner Newton said he contemplated no other changes at present.

A Child Killed on the Rail.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
CHARLESTON, S. C., August 30.--A three-year-old girl of W. L. Searight's was knocked off the track near Donald's this morning by a passenger train from Greenville, crushing her skull and killing her almost instantly.

Puddler's Strike.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)  
LEHANS, Pa., August 30.--Puddlers employed at the East-End and Light & Napp's rolling-mills went on a strike this morning because they were refused an advance of fifty cents per ton, increasing their pay to \$4 per ton. About 100 puddlers are employed in these mills. About 100 helpers, besides rollers, catchers, laborers, etc., are thrown out of work. The men say they are determined to stay out until their demands are acceded to.

HARRISBURG, Pa., August 30.--The predicted strike of puddlers at Harley's mills took place to-day. About five hundred men and boys are thrown out of employment by this strike, which is for an advance of fifty cents per ton. Both sides are firm, and there is no immediate prospect of a compromise.

THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

General Balling Sees the Petersburg Delegates--Gaines Still Fighting.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, Va., August 30.--The adjourned meeting of the Republican City Convention was held to-night, with all the ward delegates present--sixty-four in number. The first vote developed the fact that the Gaines faction, which on Saturday night numbered thirty-four, was in a minority of four. The Convention opened in disorder, and great confusion reigned until the adjournment, at 12 o'clock.

The Gaines delegates, after electing delegates to the District Convention Saturday night, were all present in the Convention to-night, and fought hotly for their favorite. They boldly charged on the delegates of the Convention that two or three of their number had been bought up or intimidated by threats of discharge from work if they voted with the Gaines party. This charge was several times repeated, amidst scenes of confusion and with an earnestness that betokened its truth. It was furthermore charged, as furthering the plan of opposition to Gaines, that the delegates to send out to several of the counties to send out delegates to the Convention.

At 12 o'clock the Convention elected delegates favorable to General Balling. Gaines is now fighting the whole field. Every effort is being made to defeat him--even if a colored man has to be put up to defeat him. Gaines arrived in town to-night. He still claims the nomination, and the fight in the Convention promises to be very bitter.

Personal.

Miss Ada Sweet is in Europe now, and the *Paris Petit Journal* explains that she was removed from her office as pension agent for writing poetry.

Chief-Justice Waite went through Cincinnati, San Francisco, the other day. When he had got to the end he said that the restriction not clearly had not been passed too soon.

The Cobden Club has just enrolled its first female members. These are Florence Nightingale, Mrs. Sicker, the daughter of Cobden; Mrs. Crawford, of Paris; and Miss Halden.

"Chaucery M. Deane," a writer at Gaston, "laughingly remarked to me while we were waiting for the Empress yesterday that this seemed to be an occasion when a mere railroad president did not amount to much."

Miss Terry "squeezed" mock tears out of her lace handkerchief and kissed her fingers to her friends as she stood on the deck of the departing steamer Umbria on Saturday afternoon. It was so hot that Mr. Irving seemed subdued, and gazed seaward as though glad to be off.

The Horatius Last Night.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather and the fact that so large a proportion of the music-loving people of the city are away from home, there was a fair audience at the 55th weekly musical society on Saturday night. The chief attraction was the singing of Miss Kilwell, of Washington. This lady has a well-cultivated, rich voice, and sings sweetly. Her several numbers were so creditably rendered as to win the most flattering applause. The instrumental selections, including two banjo solos by Mr. Allen, of Chicago, were all well executed.

The report of the superintendent of the Male Orphan Asylum for the year just ended, which is a very creditable one, shows that during the year seven boys were found good homes, none died, two were honorably graduated, one was returned to his mother, and one ran away.

Charged with Selling Liquor to Minors.

Edward Meredith, who keeps a saloon at 1001 Seventeenth street, was taken last night on the charge of selling liquor to minors. He will be before the Police Court for preliminary examination this morning.

The Veterans' Camp-Fire.

The United Veterans had a camp-fire and reunion at their ball, on Capitol street, last night. They, with a number of their friends and old comrades, spent a delightful evening.

"Well Done."

While Police-Justice Richardson was kept at home by the sickness and death of his wife, Justice Rill filled the trying position with fairness and justice.

LATE WEATHER REPORT.